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# Tempe Historic Preservation Commission Retreat

# **MEETING MINUTES**

Date: SATURDAY, July 14, 2012

**Location:** TLC Classroom (lower level Tempe Public Library)

3500 S. Rural Rd.

Commissioners Present: Ira Bennett Andrea Gregory

Anne Bilsbarrow Charlie Lee Brad Graham Korri Turner

Staff Present: Alyssa Gerzewski Alyssa Matter

Nathan Hallam Joe Nucci William Kiser Mark Vinson

Public Present: Vic Linoff

Call to Order: 8:05 A.M., Andrea Gregory, Chair

# 1. Commission member "sponsorship" of projects or activities on the agenda

- Looking for a point person on the commission for each project they would then speak about each project at the HPC meetings.
- This is already informally in place looking to formally implement.
- Possibly add a list of upcoming projects in the monthly packet.
- The in progress projects are:
  - o 2040 Plan
  - Double Butte Cemetery NRN
  - Tempe Municipal Building NRN
  - o Moeur Park NRN
  - Kirkland McKinney Ditch
- The in progress projects and the assigned commission member:
  - 2040 Plan Anne Bilsbarrow and Brad Graham
  - Double Butte Cemetery NRN Ira Bennett
  - Tempe Municipal Building NRN Anne Bilsbarrow
  - o Moeur Park NRN Kori Turner
  - o Kirkland McKinney Ditch Charlie Lee
- The Historic Preservation Commission Plan
  - Develop and preserve Downtown Mill Avenue District and the Petroglyphs on Tempe Butte
  - Revisit the conversation with Patti Olson about the student awareness towards petroglyphs on Tempe Butte
  - Republish the written letter as an opinion piece in the ASU State Press to help raise awareness of petroglyphs on Tempe Butte
  - Possibly print flyers to hand out during Freshman Orientation
  - Brenda Shears will be asked to take lead on student awareness

#### 2. Council Member Shadows

 The commission hopes that the outcome of shadowing council members will make council members more aware of preservation projects and concerns

- Commission would like to discover existing relationships between commissioners and council members
- Commission would like to have a written list of talking points to have uniformity when talking with council members
- Commission wants to develop these relationships with council members early and before issues arise, this should be a proactive relationship
- It might be nice to give the council members a gift from the commission, a print of an historic building
- When speaking to council members it could be beneficial to focus on the economics of historic preservation
- Useful references about historic preservation and economics are:
  - Placeeconomics.com <a href="http://www.placeeconomics.com/">http://www.placeeconomics.com/</a>
  - o Economics of Historic Preservation by Donovan Rypkema
- Council Members will be shadowed by:
  - Mark Mitchell Andrea Gregory
  - o Onnie Shekerjian Brad Graham
  - o Robin Arredondo-Savage Kori Turner
  - Shana Ellis Brenda Sheras (verify)
  - Kolby Granville Anne Bilsbarrow
  - Joel Navarro Scott Solliday (verify)
  - o Corey Woods Ira Bennett
- · Develop talking points at the next meeting
- Suggested to get on the DRC agenda with a similar Into to HP message
- Suggested to bring back the Preservation Awards
  - o This would be a type of congratulations for the efforts made in preservation
- Suggested to appear before council in a study session to give an update on the work
- Suggested that Andrea take Mayor Mark Mitchell on a ride along of Tempe

#### 3. Ordinance Review

- What do we mean by protection of properties?
  - o "But have no right to protect" statement is awkward
  - o "Protection" is misleading
- Why does the commission never see issues in a cultural resource area
- Officially put all cultural resource areas as HE historic eligible properties
  - Find all individual properties
  - Would need to notify every property owner
- Look at cultural resource areas or properties and see which are most at risk and then start with those to be listing as possibly historically eligible
- (Mark Vinson or Joe Nucci) speak with the city attorney about the technicalities of a historic eligible designation, Staff to follow up on Arizona Proposition 207 with Tempe City Attorney regarding Tempe Historic Preservation Ordinance discussion
- The 2030 plan specifies density must be maintained but not the lot coverage could this specification be added to the 2040 plan?
- Staff is to follow up on Prop 207, and to start identifying which properties are at risk
- Gregory: Question about list of archeologically sensitive sites Nucci and Vinson state that the list exists

#### 4. General Presentations at meetings about architectural types/styles and context overviews

- Want to brief commission with short presentations of styles and overviews of different historically sensitive topics
- Could go on at the end of the agenda so it can be dropped or moved if need be
- This is meant to be an educational opportunity for the commission as well as the public would be added to the public website for easy access

- How would these presentations be packaged for use by the general public? Possibly a set of handouts or a web based presentation
- Joe's and Mark's ASU class presentations can be tied into these the starting point
- Presentations would run between 15 20 minutes at the HPC meetings
- If presenting to the council, handout would be a better way to convey the messages
- Maybe there is a possibility of using the Tempe Library/Museum for general public education
- Staff is to put together a list of presentations that are almost ready, this list is to be included within the next HPC meeting packet
- Some current possibilities are:
  - Talking points to the council members
  - Tempe Preservation Today
  - Tests for significance
  - o Ethnographic histories of Tempe
  - o Architectural styles of buildings in Tempe
  - Land use and zoning considerations/restrictions
  - State property tax program
  - Preserving eligibility and integrity for structures not yet nominated/historic
  - o CRA—what does it mean?

### 5. Maps and/or database (HPIFs) of historic properties on local register.

- Hallam: Shares information regarding the creation of a GIS for historic properties listed locally and nationally. GIS map could be publically accessible through Tempe Historic Preservation website
- Linoff & Gregory: Tucson model to serve as a guide for creation of GIS map?

## 6. East Valley Coalition

- Gregory: Discussion about joining East Valley Coalition of Historic Preservation Commissions
- Gregory: Possibly send two representatives from each commission to ensure efficiency?
- Nucci: Encourages Commissioners to attend Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation meetings
- Gregory: Bennett and Bilsbarrow selected to attend next East Valley Coalition meeting

#### 7. Commission Wish List

- Discussion about revisiting National Register Nomination for Hayden Flour Mill
- Gregory: Proposes separate meeting to move this process forward
- Bennett: Expresses interest in educating both Tempe Historic Preservation Commission and the community on preservation
- Bennett: Interested in knowing more about historic context of residential neighborhood
- Bennett: Suggests social activities for Tempe Historic Preservation Commission
- Bilsbarrow: Advocates suggestion for social event

#### 8. Review of Tempe Historic Preservation Plan

- Gregory & Nucci: Plan to be discussed during General Plan 2040 update at August HPC meeting
- Bilsbarrow: Los Angeles district plans to serve as guide?
- Vinson: Albuquerque to serve as possible guide as well?
- Nucci: Requests that HPC review current plan

## Adjourn 12:02 pm

#### FREOUENTLY USED ABBREVIATIONS OR ACRONYMS

- CDD City of Tempe Community Development Department: Established February 15, 2005, by City Manager Will Manley the CDD consists of six divisions; Economic Development, Housing Services, Redevelopment, Neighborhood Enhancement, Rio Salado/Town Lake, and Special Projects, as well as the Community Design Studio / City Architect. The Tempe Historic Preservation Office is an agency of the Special Projects Division.
- CLG Certified Local Government: In 1980, Congress established a framework for local preservation programs through an amendment to the National Historic Preservation Act empowering Arizona cities and counties to become Certified Local Governments (CLGs). Once certified, these entities are eligible for specialized assistance and funds for developing their own local preservation programs and entitled to comment on NR and other SHPO activities within their boundaries. The City of Tempe became a CLG in 1995.
- DDA Development & Disposition Agreement: a redevelopment contract between the City and one or more developers or redevelopers specifying terms and conditions for construction or reconstruction.
- DSD City of Tempe Development Services Department: dealing with Building Safety, Land Use, Planning and Zoning
- DRC City of Tempe Development Review Commission: volunteer board advising Mayor and Council on matters related to the built environment and administration of General Plan 2030 and the Zoning and Development Code.
- GRIC Gila River Indian Community: is an alliance of two tribes, the Akimel O'odham (Pima) and the Pee Posh (Maricopa). Established by Executive Order in 1859, the Community covers more than 600 square miles and is the largest indigenous community in the Phoenix metropolitan area. GRIC helps make the Tempe Preservation Graduate Student Intern Program possible through a generous grant of State-Shared Revenue funds.
- HPF (see Tempe HPF) Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation
- HSRC (Arizona) Historic Sites Review Committee: Arizona's official Arizona and National Register of Historic Places review board. The HSRC meets three times during the year to review National Register nominations and advise the State Historic Preservation Officer on nominations to the State and National Registers.
- IEBC International Existing Building Code: adopted by Tempe City Council by Ordinance No. 2005.89 on December 1, 2005, as part of the code body promulgated by the International Code Council, provides means for preservation of existing Tempe building inventory through reasonable and feasible code processes.
- IRS Issue Review Session: informal Mayor and Council public meeting where members of the public may come forward and talk with City Council during the "Call to the Audience" prior to regular Council meetings.
- NPS National Park Service: the City of Tempe is a Certified Local Government through an inter-governmental agreement with the United States Department of the Interior National Park Service and the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office.
- NRN National Register Nomination: An application to list a property on the National Register of Historic Places is reviewed by the SHPO and then by the Arizona Historic Sites Review Committee (Sites) before formal application is made to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington DC.
- PAD Planned Area Development: site plan overlay to define development standards for a specific project.
- SHPO State Historic Preservation Office: a division of Arizona State Parks, responsible for the identification, evaluation, and protection of Arizona's prehistoric and historic cultural resources; established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
- SRP-MIC Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community: created by Executive Order on June 14, 1879 by President Rutherford B. Hayes, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) is located in Maricopa County, aside the boundaries of Mesa, Tempe, Scottsdale, Fountain Hills and metropolitan Phoenix.
- Tempe HPC Tempe Historic Preservation Commission: Created by Ordinance 95.35, adopted November 9, 1995. Members serve three year terms with the exception of the initial appointments; charged with administering the Tempe Historic Preservation Ordinance and Plan, as well as advising Mayor / Council on all matters related to historic preservation
- Tempe HPF Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation: A private nonprofit corporation established in 2005, Mission Statement 02.02.06 "The Foundation advocates preserving Tempe's at-risk historic properties and supporting worthy preservation projects through education, community participation, and fundraising."
- Tempe HPO Tempe Historic Preservation Office: Responsible for the identification and conservation of Tempe's prehistoric and historic cultural resources, the Office uses Federal, state, and city funding for the historic preservation program and assists owners of historic properties with grant applications, property maintenance, and preservation activities; provides staff support to the Tempe HPC.
- THM Tempe Historical Museum: Located at 809 E. Southern Avenue in Tempe, the Tempe Historical Museum is a center where the community comes together to celebrate Tempe's past and ponder the future. Permanent and changing exhibits, educational programs, and research projects generally focus on some aspect of Tempe's history within the context of state and national events.
- TOD Tempe Transportation Overlay District: placed to encourage appropriate land development and redevelopment consistent with and complementary to the community's focused investment in transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure in certain geographic areas of the City; typically in association with the light rail.
- ZDC Zoning & Development Code: Adopted by Mayor and Council on January 20, 2005, effective February 22, 2005, the ZDC implements Tempe General Plan 2030 by encouraging creative development of the built environment in order to build a community that promotes the livability and uniqueness of Tempe; establishes zoning districts and development standards.